

is and a decision that says, hey, we can whip outside, write up a quick resolution, bring it back in here before the debate settles, before the smoke is cleared, before we have even voted on the issue and we have got ourselves this drafted resolution. That resolution is ill thought out and it is designed for political purposes. It is not designed to be a legitimate, credible, fact-finding body. I would recommend to you this amendment. Let me renew a rundown on its features again. The Governor appoints up to 12 members into an impartial task force. The Governor is memorialized to secure a balance in the representation of divergent perspectives on the issue, language suggested to me by Senator Carsten to make sure that we try to get balanced representation here. Third, that we make sure they get some good background, that they get good staff support, so we ask for the ag economics and Economic Department at the University of Nebraska to give some research assistance. Fourth, that we say we can't do this behind closed doors, that we say this is a matter for public hearings and not just in Lincoln but across the state, we ask the task force to hold public hearings across the state. Fifth, we ask the task force to make their recommendations and their writings and if they are prepared to be able to do that and get it all done, they can do it anytime they want to, but if they can't do it by March 25th, they tell us where they are. They tell us what findings they have got, what recommendations they have got. They tell us what they have yet to do. They tell us what their majority opinion is, what their minority opinion is. They give us a progress report and if their task is undone, we go back to work and continue to woodshed. I would suggest to you that that is a legitimate, serious, credible attempt for fact-finding and this study body will only be valuable to this group, to the Legislature, if it is credible and it does a darn good job. Otherwise, it is political froufrou. It is a festooned kind of superficial eyewash that will not move the process of decision making forward at all. It will simply give somebody an excuse to pressure and to lobby and to cut deals. That is why I am very concerned about the way we frame this task force. I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: We are talking on Senator Landis's amendment to the resolution. There is an amendment to the amendment. There is no amendment to the amendment here. Very well, I recognize next Senator Pappas. Senator Pappas, on the Landis amendment. I have lights up here that I assume are